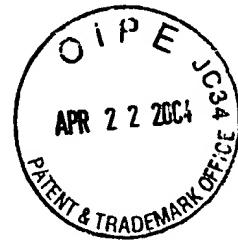


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IN RE APPLICATION OF : John Schiermann
 FOR : **ALUMINA FILLED WOOD FINISH
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AMENDMENT

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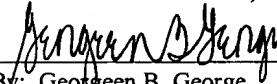
In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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